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ADJOURNMENT

Seniors Week

 **Ms DAVIS** (Aspley—LNP) (11.34 pm): Each year in August we formally recognise the importance of seniors during Seniors Week. We should always acknowledge the important role that seniors play in every community across Queensland. They make invaluable contributions as community leaders, workers, volunteers, carers and grandparents. Their work often goes unrecognised, which makes Seniors Week even more important. There is no better time to say thank you for the tireless work that they do.

One of the great privileges of being the member for Aspley is having the opportunity to meet and interact with many of the extraordinary seniors in our local area. One of the ways we celebrate Seniors Week each year is with my annual Seniors Week Aspley Achiever Award ceremonies. I always look forward to joining with residents from four local retirement villages—Aveo Aspley Court, Compton Gardens, Holy Spirit Carseldine and Aveo Bridgeman Downs—for morning or afternoon tea before presenting many special people with an Aspley Achiever Award. These awards are about recognising someone who goes quietly about their work without seeking reward or recognition and has a positive impact on the lives of others. There are many people in my electorate who should be honoured for the work they do and it is always a pleasure to recognise them.

This year I presented awards to 28 talented and inspiring seniors. Many did not know they had been nominated, which is a wonderful surprise for them, and all were extremely gracious and humble in accepting their awards. We even had a few tears of disbelief from one wonderful lady who could not believe that her volunteering and friendship to so many had been noticed by those around her. Celebrating Seniors Week is a highlight of my year and I am looking forward to hosting my Seniors Week morning teas again next year. Who does not enjoy a cup of tea, a delicious piece of cake and an opportunity to hear a wonderful story from someone who has lived and continues to live an exciting and fulfilling life?

There are so many great organisations and community groups that cater to our senior residents including the Aspley branch of National Seniors, arguably the largest branch of National Seniors in Queensland. These local seniors know how to have a good time and it is always a hoot to attend one of their events. We have Aspley classes for seniors, which provide a range of programs and activities from craft to history lessons. Of course, our Probus clubs bring together our many business retirees and there are many other clubs and groups that cater to the very diverse interests of our senior residents in the Aspley electorate.

We should always acknowledge the contribution that seniors make to our local communities. The fabric of our local area is made significantly more vibrant by our fantastic Aspley seniors.